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FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS

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SUBJECT: VISIT BY VICE PRESIDENT TO ISRAEL

1. PROPOSAL FOR VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO ISRAEL, IN  
CONTEXT OF ISRAEL'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY AND U.S. INDEPENDENCE  
DAY CELEBRATIONS, HAS BEEN REVIEWED WITH WHITE HOUSE AND  
APPROVED. BEST TIMING FOR VISIT WOULD BE JUNE 30 - JULY 3,  
WITH WASHINGTON DEPARTURE LATE JUNE 29.

2. PRIOR TO CONVEYING FAVORABLE DECISION TO ISRAEL-  
AMERICA SOCIETY, WHICH EXTENDED INVITATION, WE WOULD LIKE  
YOUR THOUGHTS ON OVERALL IMAGE WE WANT VISIT TO PROJECT  
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AND ON ACTIVITIES THAT MIGHT BE SCHEDULED. OUR CONCEPT IS  
THAT VISIT SHOULD FOCUS ON CONTINUITY OF US-ISRAELI SPECIAL  
RELATIONSHIP AND ON BILATERAL MATTERS AND SHOULD BE SEEN  
AS SEPARATE, THOUGH CLEARLY IT CANNOT BE TOTALLY DIVORCED,  
FROM CURRENT NEGOTIATING SITUATION. WAS FOR PROGRYN, WE  
IMAGINE VICE PRESIDENT WOULD MEET WITH NAVON, BEGIN,  
DAYAN, PERES AND MEIR. CAN YOU SUGGEST THOSE PLACES, IN-

STITUTIONS AND EVENTS THAT WOULD MOST APPROPRIATELY UNDERSCORE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO ANNIVERSARY. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS AS TO PLANS AND EVENTS WITH AMERICAN FLAVOR/INVOLVEMENT--E.G., H.S. TRUMAN INSTITUTE, HHH MEMORIALS, AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER, KIBBUTZ.

3. CENTERPIECE OF VISIT WOULD BE SPEECH WHICH, IN OUR VIEW AFTER CAREFUL HIGH LEVEL CONSIDERATION, WOULD BEST BE GIVEN IN KNESSET ON JULY 3 BEFORE DEPARTURE. SPEECH WOULD, IN KEEPING WITH OCCASION, HAVE EMPHASIS ON US-ISRAELI RELATIONSHIP RATHER THAN ON MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS, BUT THEMES WOULD INCLUDE EMPHASIS ON U.S. CONCERN FOR ISRAEL'S SECURITY AND HOW THIS COULD BE ADVANCED IN CONTEXT OF PEACE SETTLEMENT.

4. VICE PRESIDENT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN IDEA OF ANNOUNCING ESTABLISHMENT OF US-ISRAELI EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, WHICH IS JOINTLY ENDOWED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS, DURING VISIT, PROBABLY AS FEATURE OF HIS SPEECH. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IDEA WAS DISCUSSED WITH HEW OFFICIALS DURING MINISTER HAMMER'S RECENT VISIT, AND DEPARTMENT WAS VERY INTERESTED IN PARALLEL SUGGESTION YOU SENT US RECENTLY THROUGH PAO HITCHCOCK. THIS, OF COURSE, DOES NOT YET HAVE FINAL U.S. APPROVAL AND STILL REQUIRES FURTHER ACTION WITHIN USG BEFORE WE CAN FORMALLY MAKE PROPOSAL. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT FORMER SENATOR MONDALE WAS  
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SPONSOR OF LEGISLATION WITH SIMILAR GOAL IN 1974-75 TIME PERIOD; WE ARE CHECKING BACKGROUND OF THIS AND WILL PASS IT TO YOU.

5. VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. MONDALE AND ONE OF MONDALE CHILDREN. PLEASE FORWARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROGRAMS FOR EACH THAT WOULD MAKE BEST CONTRIBUTION TO VISIT, BEARING IN MIND MRS. MONDALE'S MAJOR ROLE IN ARTS AND HER INTEREST IN POTTERY AND CRAFTS.

6. PENDING ARMS REQUESTS, IN OUR VIEW, SHOULD NOT BE FEATURED IN PUBLIC THEMES OR IN VICE PRESIDENT'S DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR ISRAELI OFFICIALS, ALTHOUGH SUBJECT WILL PROBABLY BE RAISED. IN THIS RESPECT, WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCOURAGE SET PIECE MOD "THREAT" BRIEFINGS, LENGTHY EXPOSITIONS ON HARDWARE REQUESTS, OR VISITS TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

7. WE RECOGNIZE THAT QUESTION OF VISIT TO EAST JERUSALEM AND WHO ESCORTS VICE PRESIDENT THERE HAS POTENTIAL FOR INJECTING SOUR NOTE, GIVEN HIGH VISIBILITY PROBLEM. OUR VIEW IS THAT, ONCE FINAL DECISION CONFIRMING VISIT IS

TAKEN, YOU SHOULD SEEK IMMEDIATELY TO SORT THIS OUT WITH DAYAN SO THAT SUBJECT DOES NOT BECOME ISSUE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR IDEAS ON HANDLING THIS TO AVOID ITS BECOMING A PUBLIC ISSUE WHILE PRECLUDING VISIBLE ISRAELI SPONSORSHIP OF VICE PRESIDENT'S MOVEMENTS IN EAST JERUSALEM.

8. WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ISRAELIS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING QUICKLY YOUR VIEWS ON OUR PROPOSED TIME FRAME, SCHEDULING, EAST JERUSALEM PROBLEM, JOINT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, AND ANY OTHER VIEWS YOU WANT TO SEND US.  
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